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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION BEFORE 30TH UNGA

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- 1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO EARLIER (SEPTEMBER 14) EMBASSY REPRESENTATION TO MFA AT OFFICE-DIRRECTOR LEVEL (REFTEL B), DCM RAISED KOREAN ISSUE ON OCTOBER 16 WITH AMBASSADOR STEINER, MFA DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT HEAD. FOLLOWING REVIEW OF USG POSITION ON ITEM, DCM SOLICITED AUSTRIAN SUPPORT FOR TARGET GOALS NOTED PARA 4 REFTEL A.
- 2. STEINER SAID GOA WAS FULLY AWARE OF USG NONCERN ON ISSUE WHICH WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN DEVELOPING FORMAL AUSTRIAN POSITION, MATTER WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER HIMSELF WOULD DETERMINE AFTER RETURN TO VIENNA ON WEEKEND. STEINER STATED THAT SPEAKING PERSONALLY, AUSTRIA WOULD PROBABLY CLOSELY ADHERE TO POSITION IT TOOK IN 29TH UNGA, NAMELY SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND PROCEDURAL VOTES ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. STEINER ADDED, IN CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPONSE DCM QUERY, THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS VERY SKEPTICAL

ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT GOA COULD BE PERSUADED TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION RATHER THAN ABSTAIN. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD GIVEN SIMILAR RESPONSE TO JAPANSES AMBASSADOR WHO HAD BEEN IN TO SEE HIM EARLIER TODAY ON SAME SUBJECT.

3. STEINER NOTED THAT NEW NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR (RESIDENT PRAGUE) SCHEDULED TO SEE HIM TOMORROW (OCTOBER 17), DAY AFTER HIS PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AND THAT HE PLANNED TO FOLLOW SAME TACK AS LAST YEAR IN RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATION, NAMELY THAT AUSTRIA SUPPORTS PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY IN UN AND WILL SUPPORT RESOLUTION WHICH PROMISES TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN AREA AND PROMOTE REAL DETENTE.

4. STEINER INDICATED MFA WOULD BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AUSTRIAN UN MISSION IN NEXT DAYS CONCERNING FINAL WORDING OF RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA AND TIMING ON CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN ITEM. BUCHANAN

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